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SINO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION
HOLDS CONVENTION IN PEI-P'ING

ESTABLISH HEADQUARTERS IN PEI-P'ING -- Wen-hui Pao, 6, 7 Oct 49

Pei-p'ing, 5 October (NCHA) -- On 5 October 1949, more than 1,000 delegates from various parts of China, USSR, Korea, and other countries attended the organizing convention of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association headquarters in Pei-p'ing.

Included among the delegates were: Soviet Union -- Ch'i-ha-wen-szu-chi [Chinese approximation of Russian name], newly appointed charge d'affaires of the Soviet Embassy, Markov, deputy chief, Far East Department of the Soviet Intercultural Association; and Fa-chieh-na-fu [Chinese approximation of Russian name], a well-known writer, who heads the Soviet cultural, arts, and sciences group; Italy -- Assemblyman Ssu-pa-no; [Chinese approximation of Italian name] and Korea -- Ts'ui Hae-min.

The convention began with a speech given by Sung Ch'ing-ling (Madame Sun Yat-sen), chairman of the preparatory committee, who spoke in behalf of China. The response was made by Fa-chieh-na-fu, who ended his speech with the presentation of 15 selected Soviet films, textbooks, and literary collections.

Then followed the election of officers and the adoption of the constitution. The 53 presidium members appointed included Liu Shao-ch'i, Sung Ch'ing-ling, and Kuo Mo-jo. The 12 executive officers elected included Liu Shao-ch'i, Sung Ch'ing-ling, Wu Yu-chang, Li Chi-shen, Kuo Mo-jo, Huang Yen-p'ei, Shen Chun-ju, Ho Hsiang-ning, Chang Hsi-jo, Wu Lan-fu, Ch'ien Chun-shui, and one other person.

The convention also elected a chairman and seven vice-chairmen for the SSFA Headquarters. They are: chairman, Liu Shao-ch'i; vice-chairmen Sung Ch'ing-ling, Wu Ian-fu, Shen Chun-ju, Li Chi-sen, Kuo Mo-jo, Chang Ian, and Huang Yen-p'ei. Also appointed were Ting Hsi-lin and 196 other directors.

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PEI-P'ING SSFA ADOPTS CONSTITUTION -- Wen-hui Pao, 7 Oct 49

Pei-p'ing, 5 October (NCNA) -- On 5 October 1949, the constitution for the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association was adopted at the organizing convention of the SSFA Headquarters in Pei-p'ing.

The principal points in the constitution are:

General Provisions -- This organization shall be known as the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association.

The purpose of the association is to develop and solidify Sino-Soviet friendship, to unify the activities of various branches in China, to introduce useful economic, political, cultural, and scientific know-how of the Soviet Union, and to strengthen Sino-Soviet solidarity in order to secure lasting world peace.

Membership -- Anyone Chinese or Soviet citizen, who approves the purpose of the SSFA and agrees to abide by its constitution shall be eligible for membership.

Each member is required to pay dues. He shall have the right to attend the association's meetings, lectures, and educational programs; buy the association's publications; and cast his vote in meetings.

Organization -- The Sino-Soviet Friendship Association in Pei-p'ing shall be the headquarters for all subsidiary associations. Subheadquarters shall be established in large areas comprising several provinces and cities. Main branches of the SSFA shall be established in provinces and directly controlled municipalities. Secondary branches shall be established in hsien, cities, and in enterprises, factories, agencies, and schools directly controlled by municipalities. Minor branches shall be established in villages, and enterprises, factories, agencies, and schools within hsien and cities.

The minor branches shall be responsible to the secondary branches; the secondary branches, to the main branches; the main branches, to both the subheadquarters and the headquarters; and the subheadquarters, to the headquarters in Pei-p'ing.

Every member in the minor and the secondary branches shall have a voice during the meetings of his branch. Representatives of each branch, higher than the secondary, shall have final authority for the respective branches. At all other times, the executive committee and the administrative committee of each branch shall function as supreme authority.

The meetings of the representative bodies of the subheadquarters and the headquarters shall be held once every 3 years. The meetings of the representative bodies of the main and the secondary branches shall be held once a year. The meetings of members for minor and the secondary branches, directly controlled by municipalities, shall be held once every 6 months.

The representative bodies of various branches shall hear and make final decisions on reports submitted by the executive and the administrative committees. Chairmen and vice-chairmen for both committees shall be elected by the representative body of each branch.

One chairman and seven vice-chairmen for the SSFA Headquarters at Pei-p'ing shall be elected at the All-China SSFA Convention. This convention shall be presided over by the chairman of the SSFA Headquarters. Vice-chairmen shall have jurisdiction over various administrative committees. The members or the administrative committees shall be appointed at the All-China SSFA Convention.

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The SSFA Headquarters in Pei-p'ing shall direct all functions of subsidiary offices in China. The chairman and the vice-chairmen of the SSFA Headquarters shall have jurisdiction over various executive committees. The chairman and the vice-chairmen of the headquarters shall appoint one director, four assistant directors, and other officers in each executive committee. Each executive committee shall have a library, and secretariat, organization, liaison, publication research, and service offices.

Finances -- The operational funds of the association shall be obtained from membership dues, sales of association publications, income from exhibits, and from contributions.

By-Laws -- All matters not stipulated within this constitution shall be decided at the All-China SSFA Convention.

This constitution shall become effective on 5 October 1949, the official organization date of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association Headquarters in Pei-p'ing.

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